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[REDACTED] called just now to add a footnote to the business about the language awards. He says that Colonel White doesn't want language awards cut along the lines the Committee has recommended for two reasons:

(1) He would rather see the changes made to coincide with the fiscal year and after ample advance notice rather than abruptly as the Committee has recommended.

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(2) He wants the changes to follow, not precede, OTR's proposals on the over-all language problem. I explained to [REDACTED] (this was really unnecessary, as he was fully abreast of the whole thing) that our fiscal dilemma stems from plans to step up the testing program and the latter is intended to get the basic data we need on which to base our over-all proposals. Since Colonel White wants us to go full steam ahead on the stepped-up testing, he is therefore giving us a cart before the horse kind of problem. [REDACTED] replied that he is well aware of our dilemma and knows exactly what we are up to. He urges that when Colonel White and Mr. Baird return after the holidays, OTR seek an early audience to go over this problem fully with Colonel White and get all our signals straight.

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